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1. U.S. Patent No. 5,277,201 issued to Stern dated January 11, 1994.

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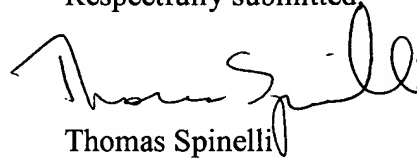
  
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2. U.S. Patent No. 5,624,454 issued to Palti et al. dated April 29, 1997.
3. U.S. Patent No. 5,626,607 issued to Malecki et al. dated May 6, 1997.
4. U.S. Patent No. 5,630,837 issued to Crowley dated May 20, 1997.
5. U.S. Patent No. 5,697,942 issued to Palti dated December 16, 1997.
6. U.S. Patent No. 5,855,590 issued to Malecki et al. dated January 5, 1999.
7. U.S. Patent No. 6,036,706 issued to Morejohn et al. dated March 14, 2000.
8. U.S. Patent No. 6,428,536 issued to Panescu et al. dated August 6, 2002.
9. U.S. Patent No. 6,517,536 issued to Hooven et al. dated February 11, 2003.
10. U.S. Patent Application Publication No. 2001/0031961 issued to Hooven  
dated October 18, 2001.
11. U.S. Patent Application Publication No. 2002/0111642 issued to Wright et al.  
dated August 15, 2002.
12. U.S. Patent Application Publication No. 2002/0143326 issued to Foley et al.  
dated October 3, 2002.
13. U.S. Patent Application Publication No. 2003/0069572 issued to Wellman et al.  
dated April 10, 2003.
14. U.S. Patent Application Publication No. 2003/0120268 issued to Bertolero et al.  
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15. International Publication Number WO 01/80724 dated November 1, 2001.

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